

All About Our 1st. Gr. Classroom

Teacher: Mrs. Gagliardi Room: 344

Welcome to first grade! I am Mrs. Gagliardi, your child's teacher. I have included some important information in this packet so you can use it as a reference to our routines and procedures this year. I am very excited to begin the school year and see how much your child will grow this school year.

Our Schedule~

7:20-8:00 Check in and morning work 8:00-8:40 Morning routine/Number Talks 8:40-9:30 Interventions 9:30-9:45 Snack Time 9:45-11:15 Reading/Word Works Workshop 11:15-11:55 Lunch and Recess 11:55-12:25 Writing Workshop 12:30-1:20 Specials 1:20-2:15 Math Workshop 2:25 Dismissal

Specials Schedule: Mondays: Art and Library Wednesdays: Music Thursdays: Gym

*****Your child will need gym shoes to leave here for Physical Education class on Mondays.***

** In the mornings we line up on the red heart outside of door #14 on the small playground.

Communication Folder Please check and return your child's red **Communication Folder** each day. This folder will contain a weekly communication sheet, homework, notes from me, and notes from the office. Please send any notes to me in this folder. I will check the folder on a daily basis as I hope you will as well.

Snack We will have a morning snack each day. **Your child will need to bring in their own snack EVERY DAY!** Our snack time is approximately 9:30-9:45. Please send only healthy snacks so your child is ready to focus on work when we are done.

Homework

Most nights, homework will consist of a book to read, high frequency word practice, and some kind of math review. Homework is always due the next day unless otherwise stated.

Please help guide your child with his/her homework, however make sure your child is the one to write out any answers.

Birthdays

Feel free to send in a birthday treat to celebrate your child's birthday. Please remember that all treats must be store bought and in their original packaging in order to be served at school. We will celebrate summer birthdays in June.

Mornings

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Class Rules

I expect everyone to follow our PBIS rules for our school **and** for our classroom.

Classroom Rules:

1. Be responsible!
2. Be respectful!
3. Be safe!

We use a GREEN, YELLOW, RED behavior chart in our room. All students start fresh on GREEN every morning. If a student misbehaves they are first given a verbal warning. If the behavior continues they will be asked to move their "Shark" to yellow.

If they continue to misbehave they will be asked to move their shark to red. Once on RED I will write a behavior reflection note to be taken home, signed and returned the following day. If the behavior is serious I will write a behavior incident report which will also be copied and sent to the office.

***Please note that the children are able to move their sharks back up to green if they are trying hard to improve their behavior. We will all work hard to be Super Sharks everyday!*

Your child will be learning many things this year! Our days are structured so we will spend time everyday reading, writing, thinking, and solving problems.

For reading we will have a reading workshop which consists of a lesson, independent reading time, and individual student conferences. This structure allows your child to spend time reading texts at their level and of interest to them. They are able to practice the skills and strategies from our lessons and receive one-on-one coaching from me during conferences. In addition, we will also do guided reading and word work to practice the skills needed to move to the next level.

This same format will be used for writing workshops and math workshops. Each workshop provides instruction on skills and then is followed by independent or shared work time. I will meet with individuals or small groups during the work time. We start slow and focus on learning these essential routines in order for the rest of the year to be most effective.

Things to Remember:

- Please let me know ASAP of any food allergies. We will sometimes have snacks or treats during the day.

- For your child's safety, if he/she needs to go home a different way than they normally **do I will need this in writing** or I must send them home according to their normal transportation routine. For example, if your child usually rides a bus and they need to be picked up, **I need a note**. Without the note I must send them on the bus.
 - You are welcome to send in birthday treats when it is your child's birthday, but they must be store bought in the original package. Birthday party invites must be for the whole class, or ALL of the boys/girls.
 - Everyone needs to bring in their own snack daily. Please be sure it is a healthy snack to set your child up for success.

I will be sending home a weekly homework packet. You will find upcoming events on it as well as math and reading homework assignments

that align with what we are doing in the classroom.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. There is not a direct line to our classroom so you will need to call the office and leave me a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I am not always able to check my email throughout the day, but I do check it every night. If there is an important message I need to know of immediately, call the office.

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